

To: House Judiciary Committee

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RE: HB 2299 – Proponent Testimony Written Only

We want to thank Chairman Patton and the members of the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2299.

HB 2299 extends the time a search warrant must be executed from 96 hours to 10 days. In researching this issue, it appears that 10 days is the standard for most states including our border states of Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Colorado allows for 14 days and Oklahoma for 5 days.

With an increasing number of searches being executed for electronic records and other virtual spaces, extending the time allowed for execution of a search warrant appears reasonable. Additionally, allowing a broader time frame will also allow a department to more fully consider when the best time is to execute the warrant based on other safety issues such as daylight and weather.

For these reasons, we support HB 2299 and ask this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.